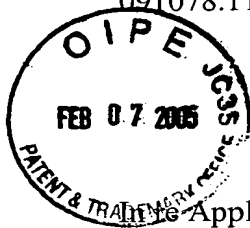


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For reasons set forth below, **it is respectfully requested that the PTO file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner McCarry**, for confirmation that the references listed on PTO-1449 attached to the Information Disclosure Statements filed October 10, 2003 and October 27, 2003 have been considered.

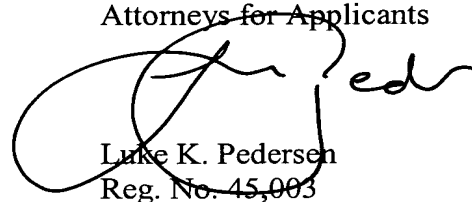
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The Notice of Allowability for this application was mailed on January 13, 2005. However, Examiner McCarry has not returned a copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed October 10, 2003 and October 27, 2003.

Accordingly, **Applicant hereby requests confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements.** Examiner McCarry is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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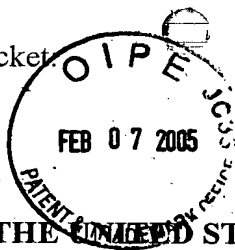


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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), Applicants makes no representation that these documents qualify as prior art or that these documents are material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

Respectfully submitted,

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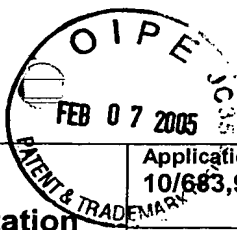
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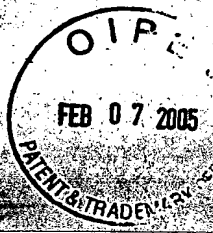
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